



The New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Historic Trust are pleased to announce new grant awards that will aid history and historic preservation organizations, and municipal and county preservation initiatives throughout the state. The projects save our historic treasures, raise awareness of New Jersey's broad history, and increase

STATE ARCHIVES POSTS ON-LINE CATALOG

In June, the State Archives unveiled the first few phases of a major expansion planned for its website at www.njarchives.org. When you click on "State Archives" on the main page, you will find various options, including the catalog link. This new feature on the website is a portal to more than 200 recently created pages providing a browsable version of the State Archives' catalog of manuscript and microfilm holdings. Access to the catalog entries is gained through a series of introductory pages that outline areas of possible research interest. First on the list is "Genealogical Holdings," followed by "Other Research Topics" and then pages for various categories of records. From these introductory pages, the user is linked to scores of subsidiary catalog "queries" showing the State Archives' holdings by county, state agency or subject.

Catalog entries include the title of the record group and series, inclusive dates, notes on format and volume (cubic feet/number of reels)



and arrangement, and other explanatory information. The new catalog pages also contain other useful features for genealogists and historians:

a link to the state's local names database, a map and table showing the establishment of New Jersey's counties, a table showing court jurisdictions prior to and following the 1948 reorganization of the judiciary, and so on. The pages also provide information about where to find modern or additional public records not in the State Archives, as well as links to the websites of county and other state agencies.

Equally exciting for New Jersey researchers are the on-line finding aids, imaged collections, and searchable databases that will increasingly be posted as links from the catalog entries.

During September, linked finding aids were posted for the following four catalog pages:

- Department of Defense – Civil War:
www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/sedefen.html
- Morris Canal:
www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/pcanalmo.html
- Atlantic County Clerk's Office:
www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/catclerk.html
- Atlantic County Surrogate's Office:
www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/queries/catsurro.html



ON-LINE PHOTO ARCHIVE: This turn-of-the-century photograph looking west down the Morris Canal at Broad Street in Newark is one of 91 images produced by a 1903 canal commission that are now available on-line through the State Archives website.

Civil War and Morris Canal enthusiasts will be pleased to see two imaged photographic collections now linked from catalog entries on two of these pages.

The first consists of more than 400 *carte-de-visites* and portraits of Civil War officers collected after the war by the Adjutant General's Office. This image file can be accessed directly at: www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/guides/sdea4010.html

The second imaged collection contains 91 views of the Morris Canal taken in 1903 by the commission appointed to investigate the proposed abandonment of the canal. This image file

can be called up at www.njarchives.org/links/webcat/guides/szmor001.html

Plans are underway for the ongoing posting of additional finding aids and images during upcoming months. Next on the list are Bergen and Burlington Counties, the Spanish-American War, and the state's constitutional conventions.

These new pages represent a profound improvement in on-line access to the State Archives' vast holdings (27,000 cubic feet and 25,000 microfilm reels). The fact that this information is now available on-line means that considerable research and research planning can be done in advance of a visit to Trenton.

Annual NJHC Conference to Focus on Slavery and Emancipation

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"Slavery and Emancipation in New Jersey" will be the theme of the 19th Annual Conference of the New Jersey Historical Commission, which will be held at Princeton University on December 6.

The main speakers will be a pair of noted historians: Ira Berlin of the University of Maryland, author of *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in Mainland North America*, and Clement Price of Rutgers University, editor of *Freedom Not Far Distant: A Documentary History of Afro-*

Americans in New Jersey. The afternoon panel discussion on slavery will include Colin Palmer of Princeton University, lawyer Gary Wolinetz, and Giles Wright of the Historical Commission. Millicent Sparks will give a living history portrayal of a New Jersey slave. In addition, the conference will feature an awards luncheon, grants workshop, guided walking tour, and exhibits.

For more information, check the NJHC website at www.newjerseyhistory.org or call Ms. Diane Dillon at (609) 984-3458.

A Treasure for Genealogists

VOUCHERS SHED NEW LIGHT ON CIVIL WAR IN NEW JERSEY

The value of the Civil War Vouchers Project may not be immediately apparent, but this joint endeavor between the State Archives and the New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association produced an extraordinary resource for New Jersey family and military history related to the Civil War. The multi-year project entailed the arrangement, description and indexing of more than 16,000 payment vouchers from the State Treasurer's Office that document expenditures charged against special appropriations to support New Jersey's participation in the War of the Rebellion. From these records, a database of more than 72,000 entries has been created to facilitate use of the collection.

Hundreds of vouchers record the acquisition of arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing, and food for New Jersey's volunteer troops—largely from local businesses. Many others document the procurement of services, including the transport of soldiers, building of camp structures, and medical care.

Most of the vouchers relate to soldiers' pay: back pay for dependents or their survivors, final discharge pay, and subsistence pay for wives and widowed mothers during and after the time of service. In many cases, the vouchers themselves are genealogical treasures. For example, vouchers for final discharge pay are in fact duplicates of the soldier's discharge certificates and provide personal information such as age, physical description, and occupation at time of enlistment. In all, there are nearly 9,300 discharge certificates, most of them for earlier recruits from the lower-numbered regiments. (A single voucher in November 1863 records the lump-sum payment of \$97,285.77 to the men of the nine-month enlistee regiments.)

More than 1,400 vouchers document the receipt of pay due to the surviving family members of single soldiers who died while in service to their county. These vouchers are in the form of signed depositions from the survivors—usually parents or siblings—establishing the family relationship, service information, and the date and place of the soldier's death.

Nearly 800 vouchers document the payment of subsistence support to the wives and widowed mothers of New Jersey volunteers during their enlistment in the Union Army. While wartime subsistence payments were made directly by the county or city government, reimbursement was then provided by the state. Subsistence vouchers, therefore, include lengthy returns from the county and city assessors listing the hundreds of dependents paid during each quarter, along with the soldier's name, rank, and unit. While the quarterly returns for subsistence reimbursement

amount to only 5 percent of the total number of Civil War vouchers, they nevertheless account for nearly 50,000 data entries because individual payments are indexed in the database.

Since the vouchers hold a wealth of previously inaccessible data, the Archives proposed the processing and indexing of the manuscripts as an inaugural volunteer project for the fledgling New Jersey Civil War Heritage Association (NJCWHA). Under the direction of Joseph Klett, then Archives' Collection Manager, a team of five volunteers unfolded and organized the manuscripts that the Department of the Treasury had shipped to the Archives decades earlier. LeRoy Bruce Jones, NJCWHA Vice President and Preservation & Access Committee Chair, led a team that included volunteers Jim Bordonaro, Laurie Berg, Joseph Seliga and the late Col. Charles Larkin. This faithful corps of Civil War enthusiasts contributed more than 400 hours of archival processing time to the effort.

In 1998, the New Jersey Historical Commission granted funds to NJCWHA for the purchase of archival supplies needed for the processing project and to pay for roughly 1,200 hours of data entry. During 1999 and 2000, NJCWHA contracted this work out to Sean Curry, Catherine Stearns Medich, and Joanne Nestor.

By 2001, the final phase of the grant-funded project was complete. A basic description for all of the vouchers had been created in the database, and subsidiary data entry was completed for most of the subsistence pay lists. The State Archives staff continues to work on itemized data entry for a small number of remaining subsistence-pay returns.

While the genealogical and regimental-history value of the new database was expected, the Civil War Vouchers Project also yielded some surprises. For example, 45 vouchers document the purchase of New Jersey's regimental battle flags. While it was hoped that such vouchers would be found, it was not anticipated that they might specify the lettering ordered for each flag (listing the battles in which the respective regiments fought). The processing of the collection shed new light on the production and provenance of our state's battle flags, and this re-discovered information was used by NJCWHA and the State Museum in the interpretation of the flags now featured in a rotating exhibition at the galleries of 225 West State Street.

The Vouchers Project is also an excellent example of successful partnering between private organizations and public agencies. Countless military historians and genealogists have already reaped the benefits of the project. The State Archives hopes that this project is the precursor to greater joint endeavors with the NJCWHA, including the arrangement, description, indexing, conservation, and filming or imaging of New Jersey's Civil War regimental records.



CIVIL WAR OFFICER: This carte-de-visite of First Lieutenant Samuel E. Brannin of the 23rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, is one of 400 Civil War portraits available on-line through the State Archives website.

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Cultural Trust Grants Offered

Planning is now underway to enable nonprofit art, history, and humanities organizations in New Jersey to apply for grants to support capital projects and financial stabilization projects from the New Jersey Cultural Trust, a state agency established by the Cultural Trust Act of 2000.

Under the provisions of the act, history and humanities organizations seeking grants for capital projects will apply for Cultural Trust grants through the New Jersey Historic Trust, while history and humanities organ-

izations seeking grants for financial stabilization projects will apply through the Historical Commission. The Trust and the Commission will review the respective applications and make funding recommendations to the Cultural Trust, which will make the final decision. Arts organizations will apply through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

At least \$600,000 is expected to be available in the first round of Cultural Trust grants. For information on the grant program and how your organization can qualify for Cultural Trust funding, call the Cultural Trust at (609) 984-6767 or check the web at www.njculturaltrust.org.

STATE HISTORICAL AGENCIES AWARD GRANTS

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ums, historic sites, and libraries at its August 13 meeting. This is the fifth year that the Commission has awarded General Operating Support grants to organizations that preserve, promote, or provide programs that increase public understanding and appreciation of New Jersey's heritage. The program offers historical societies, historic sites, museums, and libraries the opportunity to apply for support for expenses such as staff salaries and wages, contracted services, printing, postage, telephone, utilities, staff training, lease expenses, equipment, maintenance of collections, and planning for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Historic Trust and Historical Commission grant recipients are:

ATLANTIC COUNTY


 **Absecon Lighthouse/Inlet Public/Private Association, Inc.**, Atlantic City, \$35,000

Atlantic County Historical Society, Mays Landing, \$7,000

Noyes Museum, Oceanville, \$10,000

Save Lucy Committee, Inc., Margate, \$35,000

BERGEN COUNTY

 **Demarest Railroad Station**, Demarest, \$176,406 to the borough for the restoration of the roofs, dormers and ornamental work on this 1872 former train station that now hosts community meetings and events. **Edgewater Municipal Building**, Edgewater, \$50,000 to the borough for the preparation of a preservation master plan, National Historic Register nomination and feasibility study for future use of this 1905 landmark for library, cultural or community activities.

The Castle at Felician College, Rutherford, \$750,000 to the college for repair and restoration of roofs, water conduction systems, masonry and removal of non-historic fabric in preparation for use by the county historical society and for college functions.

The Hermitage, Ho-Ho-Kus, \$15,174 to the Friends of the Hermitage for production of a video for physically or hearing impaired visitors to this Gothic Revival-style house museum.

Ramapo Reformed Church, Mahwah, \$46,980 to the church for preparation of a preservation plan and structural stabilization of the cupola and tower for this Federal-era church.

Westervelt-Lydecker House/Driscoll Residence, Woodcliff Lake, \$50,000 to the borough for landscape design and interpretation of archaeological features.

Wyckoff Reformed Church, Wyckoff, \$114,991 to the church for structural repairs to the floor and bell tower on this 1806 Federal-style church that is used for community activities.

 **Bergen County Parks, Division of Culture & Heritage Affairs**, Hackensack, \$20,000

Friends of the Hermitage, Inc., Ho-Ho-Kus, \$41,000

Meadowlands Museum, Rutherford, \$9,000

Pascack Historical Society, Pascack, \$5,000

Water Works Conservancy, Oradell, \$10,000

BURLINGTON COUNTY

 **Arney's Mount Meeting House**, Mount Holly, \$7,312 to the Mount Holly Meeting/Society of Friends for the preparation of a preservation plan for this rural Quaker meeting house

Bishop-Irick Farmstead/Drowsey Tree Farm, Southampton, \$23,655 to the Pinelands Preservation Alliance for repairs and access for use as non-profit office space.

Mount Holly Mill Race Way, Mount Holly, \$29,250 to the township for a preservation plan and archaeological investigation of the 18th Century industrial mill race.

Paulsdale, Mount Laurel, \$199,361 to the Alice Paul Centennial Foundation for exterior restoration that will include porch reconstruction for this historic and educational facility.



***SUFFRAGETTE HOME:** The Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, located at the Paulsdale home in Mount Laurel, Burlington County, is the recipient of grants from both the Historic Trust and the Historical Commission.*


Smithville Park, Eastampton, \$750,000 to the county for the restoration of five structures in the historic agricultural and industrial site within a 200-acre county park and greenway.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Beverly, \$43,375 for the preparation of a preservation plan for this 1850s Gothic Revival-style complex in a historic riverfront community.

Whitesbog Farm, Pemberton Township, \$13,968 to the Whitesbog Preservation Trust for a cultural landscape plan to document resources within this 2,000-acre state historic site.

 **Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc.**, Mount Laurel, \$31,000
Burlington County Historical Society, Burlington, \$10,000

CAMDEN COUNTY

 **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**, Camden, \$233,000 to the Diocese of Camden, for the exterior repair and restoration of this inner-city Gothic Revival style landmark.


Collings-Knight House, Collingswood, \$10,500 to the Friends of the Collings-Knight House for a preservation plan that will address increased accessibility to this Federal-period frame farmhouse.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Camden, \$454,355 to the Diocese of Camden for exterior repairs to the 1919 Polish ethnic church to prevent further deterioration of interior finishes.

Tomlinson House, Pine Hill, \$102,282 to the borough for structural repairs and roof replacement for this 1834 brick farmhouse, which will become a historic museum.

 **Camden County Historical Society**, Camden, \$28,000
Lawnside Historical Society, Lawnside, \$10,000

CAPE MAY COUNTY

 **Hangar No. 1, Cape May County Airport**, Lower Township, \$33,917 to the Naval Air Station Wildwood Foundation for the preparation of a preservation plan for this aviation museum that hosts community events.

 **Cape May County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs**, Cape May, \$10,000

Cape May County Historical & Genealogical Society, Cape May, \$17,000


Center for Community Arts, Cape May, \$5,000

Historic Cold Spring Village Foundation, Inc., Cape May, \$80,000

Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts, Cape May, \$340,000

NASW Foundation, Cape May, \$25,000


CUMBERLAND COUNTY

 **Bivalve Packing Houses and Docks**, Commercial Township, \$600,000 to the Delaware Bay Project for the restoration of early-20th century oyster shipping sheds and wharves.




CHURCH HONORED: Grace Episcopal Church, Plainfield, whose restoration was funded with a Historic Trust grant, was honored by the state Office of Historic Preservation and the N.J. Historic Sites Council in May.

Old Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Bridgeton, \$47,632 to First Presbyterian Church for the preparation of a historic structure report, structural assessment and construction drawings for structural stabilization of this 1792 Georgian-style church, the first house of worship in Bridgeton.

 **Bayshore Discovery Project**, Port Norris, \$60,000
Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission,
 Bridgeton, \$15,000
Millville Army Airfield Museum, Millville, \$25,000
Wheaton Village, Inc., Millville, \$43,000

ESSEX COUNTY


 **Ahavas Sholom**, Newark, \$103,128 to the congregation for exterior restoration and addition of a barrier-free entrance to this last active synagogue in Newark, built in 1923.

Glen Ridge Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, \$29,265 to the borough for a building assessment of the 1931 Renaissance Revival-style structure that houses multiple community services.


Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Newark, \$224,227 to the cemetery for the stabilization and repair of Victorian Gothic-style brownstone buildings.

Old Stone House, South Orange, \$154,943 to the South Orange Historical and Preservation Society for the stabilization of this abandoned structure that has archaeological interest.

South Orange Fire Station, South Orange, \$440,675 to the town for exterior restoration of this active firehouse, built in 1925.

 **Montclair Historical Society**, Montclair, \$15,000
New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, \$313,000
Newark Public Library, Newark, \$80,000

HUDSON COUNTY

 **Hudson County Courthouse**, Jersey City, \$750,000 to the county for the restoration, replacement and replication of historic light fixtures in this Beaux Arts-style landmark.

Grace Church Van Vorst, Jersey City, \$23,625 to the church for the preparation of a preservation plan and conceptual design for barrier-free access to this 1850 landmark.

 **Hoboken Historical Museum**, Hoboken, \$40,000


HUNTERDON COUNTY

 **Centenary United Methodist Church**, Lambertville, \$10,759 to the church for a detailed roof conditions analysis for this 1865 church that hosts a popular concert series.


Hunterdon County Courthouse, Flemington, \$750,000 to the county for the restoration of the courthouse interior to its 1935 appearance, and barrier-free access construction.

 **Lambertville Historical Society**, Lambertville, \$9,000
Readington Township Museums, White House Station, \$7,000
Red Mill Museum Village, Clinton, \$12,000

MERCER COUNTY

 **Sacred Heart Church**, Trenton, \$282,953 to the church for the stabilization and restoration of the distinctive bell towers, exterior repairs and construction of a barrier-free entrance.

Trenton Masonic Temple, Trenton, \$50,000 to the Masonic Temple Association for the preparation of a preservation plan for this 1920s lodge building, also used for public meetings.

 **Historic Morven**, Princeton, \$12,000
Historical Society of Princeton, \$58,000


Howell Living History Farm, Titusville, \$38,000

Old Barracks Association, Trenton, \$35,000

Preservation New Jersey, Inc., Trenton, \$42,000

William Trent House/City of Trenton, \$27,000

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

 **Barron Arts Center**, Woodbridge, \$9,000 to the township for conditions analysis and preservation recommendations for the stained glass windows in the 1877 former library, now a regional arts center.

Christ Episcopal Church, New Brunswick, \$416,391 to the church for exterior restoration of the 1874 parish house, which houses social services.

Metlar/Knapp/Bodine House, Piscataway, \$157,383 to the township for exterior rehabilitation, restoration, and painting in appropriate colors determined by analysis, and \$39,641 for preparation of a preservation plan for the oldest section of the house and design services for increased accessibility to this former residence that reflects three centuries of building construction.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, \$260,805 for the second phase of exterior restoration that will include attention to the masonry, roof, window and cast-iron fence.


 **Genealogical Society of New Jersey**, New Brunswick, \$10,000
Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission, New Brunswick, \$89,000

South River Historical & Preservation Society, South River, \$5,000

Special Collections & University Archives/Rutgers University, New Brunswick, \$89,000

Thomas A. Edison Papers/Rutgers University, New Brunswick, \$87,000

MONMOUTH COUNTY

 **Allen House**, Shrewsbury, \$38,805 to the Monmouth County Historical Association for the reevaluation of the building's period of significance and interpretation as a historic house museum.

Anthony Reckless Estate, Red Bank, \$35,549 to the Women's Club of Red Bank for ongoing restoration and rehabilitation and construction of an accessible side entrance for this Italianate-style former residence, home to the women's club since 1921.


Christ Episcopal Church, Middletown, \$46,500 to the church for construction drawings for the stabilization of the bell tower, foundation and floor supports in the c. 1836 church.

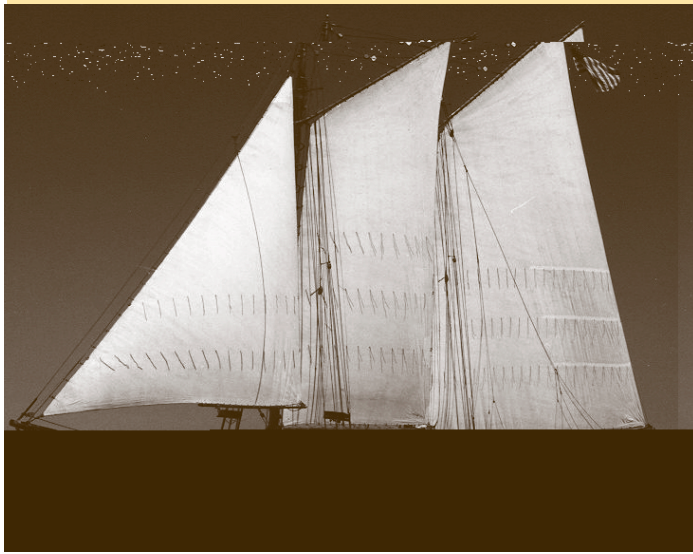
Clarksburg School, Millstone, \$399,647 to the township for exterior restoration and interior rehabilitation of this vernacular schoolhouse for municipal office use.

Seabrook Wilson House, Middletown, \$574,378 to the county for exterior restoration and interior rehabilitation of this early 18th Century Raritan Bayshore landmark.

 **Monmouth County Historical Association**, Freehold, \$64,000
Allaire Village, Inc., Wall Township, \$15,000

MORRIS COUNTY

 **Craftsman Farms**, Parsippany-Troy Hills, \$299,763 to the Stickley Museum for repair and stabilization of deteriorated wood elements and preservation of interior finishes in this 1908 log house, a museum of the American Arts and Crafts Movement.



AWARD WINNER: The AJ Meerwald–Baysshore Discovery Project in Cumberland County, which received a Historical Commission grant this year, was restored with the assistance of a 1992 Historic Trust grant. It is the recipient of the Governor's Tourism Award.

Gardens at Bamboo Brook, Chester, \$750,000 to the county for the restoration of gardens formerly associated with a private mansion and now a public park to their c.1944 appearance.

The Phoenix House, Mendham, \$280,468 to the borough for preservation, improvements and creation of barrier-free access for this former inn, now used for municipal offices.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Boonton, \$30,615 to the church for the preparation of a master preservation plan for this complex of three buildings, the centerpiece of which is a charming rural Gothic Church designed by Richard Upjohn.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Dover, \$32,193 to the church for the exterior restoration of the 1891 Richard Upjohn-designed church that is also used for community meetings and activities.

 **Canal Society of New Jersey**, Morristown, \$10,000
Craftsman Farm Foundation, Morris Plains, \$37,000

Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest, Whippany, \$10,000

Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, Morristown, \$14,524

Morris County Heritage Commission, Morristown, \$18,000

Morris County Historical Society, Morristown, \$30,000

Morris County Park Commission, Historic Sites, Morristown, \$68,000

Morris Museum, Morristown, \$30,000

Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, Madison, \$40,000

OCEAN COUNTY

 **Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission**, Toms River, \$9,000

Ocean County Historical Society, Toms River, \$33,000

PASSAIC COUNTY



Dey Mansion, Wayne, \$36,000 to the county for the preparation of a cultural landscape plan for the mansion's Colonial Revival-era garden, which was designed by the Olmstead Brothers in 1934.

Schuyler-Colfax House Museum, Wayne, \$184,170 to the township for the preservation of this Dutch Colonial home that was occupied by one local family for 300 years.

 **The American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark**, Haledon, \$17,000

Passaic County Historical Society, Paterson, \$15,000

SALEM COUNTY



Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church, Salem, \$10,875 to the church for the preparation of a preservation plan that will address future community use and accessibility to this c. 1871 historic house of worship.

 **Salem County Historical Society**, Salem, \$36,000

SOMERSET COUNTY



Abraham Staats House, South Bound Brook, \$5,250 to the South Bound Brook Historical Commission for a landscape preservation plan for the three-acre site that surrounds this 1700s-era historic house.

Jacobus Vanderveer House, Bedminster, \$16,590 to the Friends of the Vanderveer House for an archaeological investigation of the missing 18th century kitchen wing to this farm house.

James Van Zandt House, Montgomery, \$13,703 to the Friends of Homeless Animals of Trenton-Mercer for a conditions assessment report for this Italianate-style villa that will be used as non-profit office space.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Somerville, \$750,000 to the church for structural, masonry and roof repairs and restoration to this early Horace Trumbauer church.

Somerville Fire Museum, Somerville, \$186,872 to the borough for exterior repair and restoration of this 1888 firehouse, including the reconstruction of decorative features that will enhance public appreciation of this fire museum.

 **Heritage Trail Association**, Bridgewater, \$20,000
Save Ellis Island, Gladstone, \$25,000

Meadows Foundation, Inc., Somerset, \$20,000

SUSSEX COUNTY



Relief Hose Company No. 2 Engine House, Raritan Borough, \$47,431 to the borough for a preservation plan, National Historic Register nomination and construction documents for this High Victorian Gothic-style landmark's interior rehabilitation.

Crescent Theater, Sussex Borough, \$27,375 to Tri-State Actors Theater for the preparation of a preservation plan and National Historic Register nomination for this historic theater and regional performance center.

Crescent Theater, Sussex Borough, \$16,320 to the Tri-State Actors Theatre for structural repairs to the former theater, now a regional arts venue.

 **Waterloo Foundation for the Arts**, Stanhope, \$50,000

UNION COUNTY



Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, \$20,000 to this 1930s era church for a study of its unusual cast stone exterior and recommendations for its preservation.

Dr. William Robinson Plantation, Union, \$70,941 to the Clark Historical Society for structural stabilization and electrical improvements to this structure that will reopen as a museum.

 **Historical Society of Plainfield**, \$9,000
Kenilworth Historical Society, Inc., Kenilworth, \$5,000

Merchant & Drovers Tavern Association, Rahway, \$25,000

Plainfield Public Library, Plainfield, \$15,000

Union County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, Elizabeth, \$67,000

WARREN COUNTY



Help Our Preservation Effort (HOPE), Hope, \$5,000

Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission, Oxford, \$24,000

MASKELL EWING PAPERS DETAIL STATE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

In January 2001, the Friends of the New Jersey State House learned of an invaluable collection of Maskell Ewing papers relating to the construction of the original (inner) 1792 capitol. The collection, offered for sale by a Florida manuscript dealer, spans the earliest period of New Jersey's State House history, from 1790 to 1792. Included are some 40 pages of documents relating to both construction and the raising of private subscriptions to help fund the project. These documents were apparently among personal papers of Maskell Ewing, then Clerk of the New Jersey General Assembly and a member of the commission appointed to oversee the construction project.

Following authentication by State Archives staff and the discovery that the Ewing papers were entirely unique, the Friends of the State House quickly resolved to raise the funds necessary to purchase the collection with the intention of donating the materials to the State. In September



2001, the papers were officially donated to the State Archives, where the documents will be permanently preserved and made accessible for historical and architectural research and for public display.

It is important to note that the Ewing papers shed new light on various aspects of State House history. Several manuscripts document how private subscribers in Trenton and surrounding townships helped finance the construction. The collection also includes the earliest-known account of building expenses, plus letters from State House master builder Jonathan Doan that show detailed dimensions for the original structure.

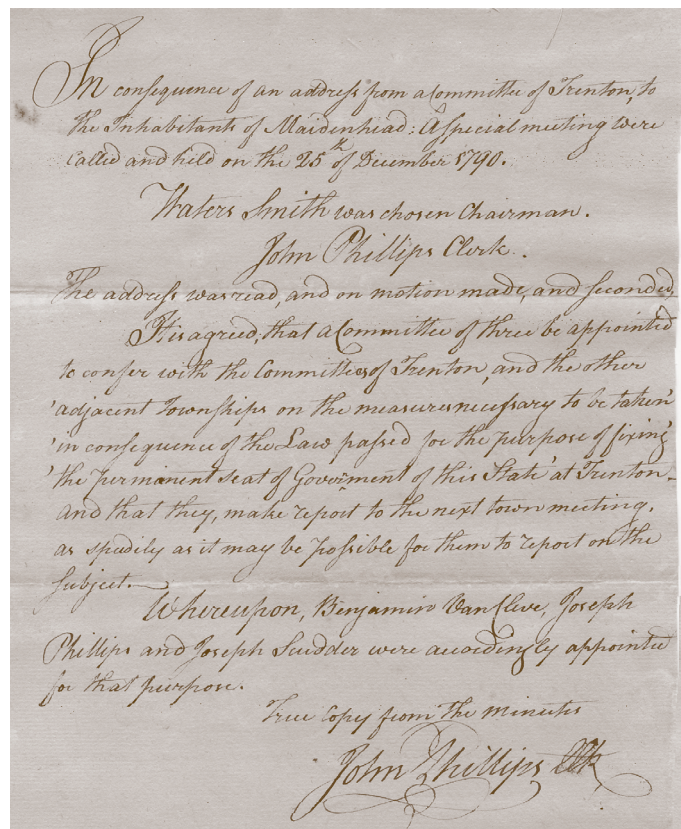
Historians, architects, and others who cherish and interpret the history of New Jersey's capitol will benefit greatly from this previously inaccessible information. The Friends of the State House are owed a debt of thanks for bringing the Maskell Ewing papers home to Trenton, where they belong.

NJHC, PARTNERS WIN \$1 MILLION GRANT FOR TEACHING NEW JERSEY HISTORY

The New Jersey Historical Commission, the Montville Township School District, and Kean University are partners in a three-year project funded with a \$1 million grant from the "Teaching American History" program of the U.S. Department of Education. The project will integrate New Jersey history into the teaching of American history in grades 7 through 12.

"Through this project, teachers who want to explore with their classes, for example, the choices faced by ordinary Americans during the Revolutionary War will be able to use dramatic examples from right here in our state," said Dr. Ann Pfau, project director.

The project will focus on three important topics in American and New Jersey history: the American Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and Progressive Reform. Teaching materials will be developed on these topics and made available to teachers, students, and the general public through a teacher's guide, a website, a DVD, and a CD-ROM. The first segment, cover-



Included in the Maskell Ewing papers is this resolution dated Christmas Day 1790, which documents the appointment of Benjamin Van Cleve, Joseph Phillips and Joseph Scudder to represent Maidenhead (now Lawrence) Township in an effort to make Trenton the capital.

ing the American Revolution in New Jersey, is expected to be available in spring 2004.

The project also includes three summer institutes for teachers. These institutes consist of lectures by prominent historians, field trips to historic sites, and classroom activities developed by committees of teachers attending the institutes. The first teacher's institute, which focused on the American Revolution, was held from July 7 through July 18 at Kean University. In addition to Montville Township, teachers from Paterson, Newark, Perth Amboy, Plainfield, Vineland, and Hackensack were selected to participate in the institute. The next institute, which will focus on the Industrial Revolution, will be held in summer 2004. The third and final institute, on Progressive Reform, will be held in summer 2005.

For further information, contact Dr. Ann Pfau, Project Director, New Jersey History Partnership Project, Kean University, Union, NJ 07083. She can be reached at (908) 737-3371 or by e-mail at apfau@kean.edu.

NJHC Welcomes New Members

Two new public members have been appointed to the Board of the New Jersey Historical Commission.

Joseph E. Gonzalez, Jr., Somerset County, is a respected leader of the state's business community. He recently retired as the president of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association. Under his leadership the NJBIA grew to a record 20,000 members. On his retirement, Gonzalez was praised by the New Jersey State Assembly for his "high standards, effective management style, and remarkable achievements."

Dr. Maxine N. Lurie, Middlesex County, is associate professor of history and chair of the History Department at Seton Hall University. A well-known scholar of New Jersey, her publications include *Minutes of the Board of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, Vol. IV* and *A New Jersey Anthology*. Lurie is the chair of the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance.



New Office, Members at Historic Trust

The Historic Trust welcomes six new Board members:

Joseph Alessandrino (Ocean County), Dr. Thomas Brown and Carolann Clynes (both Union County), John Hatch, AIA (Mercer), Barbara Haney Irvine (Burlington), and Chris Perks (Camden).

Last September, the Historic Trust said good-bye to longtime Executive Director Harriette Hawkins. During her 15-year tenure, Ms. Hawkins guided the Trust with extraordinary vision to become the country's premier state-level grant program.

In May, the Trust staff moved its offices to the Department of Community Affairs building at 101 South Broad Street in Trenton. The mailing address and phone number remain the same: NJ Historic Trust, PO Box 457, Trenton, NJ 08625, (609) 984-0473. The new email address is njht@dca.state.nj.us.





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